



**City of Freeport  
WORKSHOP**

6:00 p.m./Council Chambers/Freeport City Hall a  
September 8, 2016 Minutes

**I. Meeting Opened**

The September 8, 2016 Workshop was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Russ Barley. The meeting was held in City Council Chambers of Freeport City Hall.

Council members present: Councilman Eddie Farris, Councilwoman Cuchens, Councilwoman Janice McLean, Councilwoman Elizabeth Brannon, and Councilwoman Jennifer Laird.

Staff present: City Clerk Rebecca Podraza, City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, and City Engineer Anna Hudson, City Engineer Cliff Knauer, Sewer Supervisor Robert Fawcett and Billing Supervisor Jennifer Douglas.

**II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

The invocation was given by Councilman Farris, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**III. Capital Improvement Plan**

City Engineer Cliff Knauer reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan presentation to the Council and provided a draft copy of the updated Freeport CIP.

Engineer Knauer informed the Council that a grant application for the Bay Area Sewer Expansion was submitted through Billy Williams to the Walton County RESTORE Committee on Freeport's behalf. Councilwoman Cuchens inquired as to who put the application together. Engineer Knauer responded that he put the meat of the application together which included project limits, cost estimates, conceptual plan, and environmental components. Billy Williams will be presenting the grant on behalf of the City next week and Dewberry Employees will be present at the Committee Meeting.

Council reviewed the City Sewer and Water System projects. The system projects were discussed and ranked by priority. Grant opportunities for these projects were discussed. The construction of a new Sewer Plant was included in the discussion which was estimated at approximately \$8,000,000.00 to \$9,000,000.00 to construct and would take approximately twelve to eighteen months. This project would be conducted simultaneously with the US 331 Sewer Expansion project. If grant money is not obtainable to complete these projects then SRF and Rural Development may be contacted to begin conversations for a loan.

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**Adjournment**

Mayor Russ Barley called for a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman McLean motioned to adjourn.  
The meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

FREEPORT CITY COUNCIL

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Mayor

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Council President

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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